

Start the day putting your best foot forward!  
We encourage our kids to walk, ride a bike, take  
a scooter, jog, hang glide. . . anything to get  
some exercise and take advantage of having a  
neighborhood school.

DRIVE  
LIKE YOUR  
KIDS  
GO TO  
SCHOOL  
HERE



Handicap

Preschool Parking

Right Turn Only

Car Loop  
Please do not  
pull ahead of  
other cars

Drop-off  
&  
Pick-up

# FALL RIVER Traffic Safety





## We Need Your Help

Fall River's number one priority is the very same one you have as a parent: the safety of our children. Parking and traffic on campus is a safety concern where we need full cooperation and assistance from our parents. We simply don't have the people power as a staff to manage all aspects of traffic, so this is where we're depending on you to join with us to keep traffic as smooth and safe as possible for our kids.

### Drop-off/Pick-Up Loop

We are very fortunate to have a car loop for dropping off and picking up students (see map). It is the most efficient means for managing transportation safely. When parents follow a few simple guidelines, we can ensure a smooth and fairly quick operation.

- **Please move all the way forward.** This helps us conserve space and avoid cars getting backed up on Deerwood.
- **DO NOT pass other cars.** This is extremely dangerous. Stay in your lane and wait your turn.
- **DO NOT leave your vehicle.** Stay in your car, and be prepared to move forward as traffic progresses.
- **Drop off & pick up your child at the drop-off/pick-up lane.** It's ok to drop off/pick up in the loop if traffic isn't moving.
- **Be patient:** The process may feel slow at times, but slow and methodical is how we protect our children. When everyone pitches in and does their part, the flow of traffic is maximized.
- **Respect the cross-walks:** We have two crossing guards. Please follow their directions.

### Morning Arrival K-5

**8:40 Arrival Bell:** Please do not drop off children before the 8:40 arrival bell. We do not have any supervision prior to this time.

**8:50 Line Up Bell:** Our line up bell is the signal to kids to begin lining up outside of their classroom door.

**8:55 Tardy Bell:** Students who arrive after this time are considered late for school. We ask for late students to go to our front door to get their tardy pass.

### Afternoon Dismissal

**3:25 Dismissal Bell:** Our dismissal begins with the bell at 3:25. Parents may arrive early to the pick-up loop, but please remember to pull all the way forward to make space for others to park behind you. Please also remain in your car. Parents are encouraged to have their children meet them on the sidewalk at our pick-up lane (see map).

### The Parking Lot FAQ

Q: Why can't parents park in the parking lot during arrival and dismissal times?

A: By far, the most dangerous traffic area on campus is our parking lot. Little ones are extremely difficult to see when they cross through the lot, and we have had some terrifying close calls over the years when children dart out in front of cars in the parking lot. For this reason, during arrival and dismissal times, our parking lot is only for staff, volunteers and preschool parents.

Q: Can visiting parents park in the parking lot during the regular hours of the school day?

A: Yes.

Q: Why do we have to use the sidewalks when walking on campus? It would be a nice short cut to just walk across the parking lot.

A: Using the sidewalk is the safest way to travel. Again, we've had very close calls in the parking lot with little ones running out in front of cars. Parents can help us keep kiddos safe if they model using the sidewalks.

### Preschool Parking

For preschool safety we have set aside a few spots in the parking lot solely for preschool parking (see map). Preschool parking is a limited privilege intended to accommodate preschool parents who have toddlers & babies. If you are a preschool parent without a toddler or baby, we encourage you to park in the neighborhood with our K-5 parents. We simply do not have enough spaces for all preschool parents. Moreover, we do not have the people power to monitor preschool parking. We are relying on our parents to act in good faith.

### Handicapped Spaces

We only have four spaces for our disabled visitors. These spaces are most often used by families who have children with special needs. Please do not park in these spaces if you do not have a handicapped license plate or tag for your rearview mirror.

### Sorry, but no pups on campus. . .

Please keep canine friends off of school grounds. They sometimes make unfriendly messes, that are not fun to step in, and we also want to keep our students safe from excited pooches.

